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4. DELEGATION/PRESENTATION**5. CORRESPONDENCE / INFORMATION****5.1 Staff Report from Melissa Tesche, Acting General Manager, dated November 13, 2015 re: Program Update**

The Acting General Manager reviewed the Program Update. In addition, she noted her attendance at a Climate Action Initiative Meeting held by the Province (December 2, Penticton) on the potential impacts of climate change to agriculture. She noted the Province's 2012 Risks and Opportunities Snapshot Report for our region noted the need for a "collective monitoring, surveillance, and response system" for emerging pests, and reported that climate change impacts to pest management were of second largest concern, behind water. The next workshop is scheduled for February 2016. As a part of this process, the Province has allocated \$300,000 for climate change adaptation (agriculture) projects in the Okanagan region. Some of this could be allocated to pest management.

Mr. Steele and Mr. Lucas arrived at 10:11am

The Board inquired about the payment terms for the irradiator with the fluctuating US Dollar. While the amount is quoted in US Dollars, there is the potential for it to go up or down. Grower Potash and Director Eliason will investigate competitive exchange rates with their business contacts.

Moved by: Director Sieben

Seconded by: Director Eliason

"THAT the staff report from Melissa Tesche, Acting General Manager, dated November 13, 2015 re: Program Update be received."

CARRIED

5.2 Staff Report from Cara Nelson, Director of Business Development, dated November 23, 2015 re: Business Development Activities Update

Moved by: Director Sieben

Seconded by: Director Eliason

"THAT the staff report from Cara Nelson, Director of Business Development, dated November 23, 2015 re: Business Development Activities Update be received."

CARRIED

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**7. NEW BUSINESS****7.1 Staff Report from Cara Nelson, General Manager, dated November 18, 2015 re: Participation in the IAEA/FAO's Upcoming Coordinated Research Program**

Ms. Tesche presented the report on behalf of Ms. Nelson. She noted that while OKSIR hosted the RCM two years ago, the Program was not actually participating in the research. The Board was advised that the Program was invited to submit a research proposal to the IAEA. Staff have submitted a proposal that covers operational research related to moth transport and ground delivery—work on these topics would be occurring regardless of involvement with the coordinated research project. Since the IAEA would cover costs related to attending the meetings, there is no additional budget required for the OKSIR to participate. The Program stands to gain knowledge and connections that would benefit both operations and business development. The Board agreed that expanding international connections will continue to build credibility for our Program. We should know if the proposal has been accepted in March.

Director Bush arrived at 10:30am

The Board discussed the suitability of the title Director of Business Development and how it might be viewed by those outside the organization. It shows on public record when the title and duties were approved by the Board. The Board decided to discuss this subject another time and noted that the current title will lend more legitimacy while dealing in Europe.

The BCFGAs noted there has been a delay in providing a formal Memorandum of Understanding for their Strategic Plan that outlines the participation of each organization. A meeting group will be set up to steer the whole plan.

The Board was advised that growers want to know what the Program is doing. Staff noted that work is being done on a new communication piece (annual reports) and that a coordinator has been contacted to help bring together different growing associations. The Board discussed experiences, difficulties, and new ideas for communicating with growers. It was emphasized that the OKSIR Program should be known commonly among the whole Province – not just growers.

Moved by: Director Sieben

Seconded by: Grower Potash

“THAT staff come back to the OKSIR Board with a report outlining a communication and engagement strategy.”

CARRIED

Moved by: Director Fowler

Seconded by: Grower Lalli

“THAT the OKSIR Board approve participation in the upcoming FAO/IAEA Coordinated Research Project (CRP) entitled ‘Improved Field Performance of the Sterile Male Lepidoptera to Ensure Success in SIT Programmes’ recognizing that OKSIR participation in the CRP will include only activities that will have already been included in the annual budget and will be resourced through ongoing technical/operational activities of the OKSIR Program.”

CARRIED

7.2 Staff Report from Melissa Tesche, Acting General Manager, dated November 23, 2015 re: Ornamental Pear Plantings

The Board discussed writing a letter to councils in the service area, but decided to leave communications to staff at this time. Staff are considering development of a bylaws toolkit with help of a lawyer to ensure it would be easy for councils to adopt. The Board also suggested the importance of providing alternative options for trees, where to find them, and how much they cost. It was also noted that this situation ties in with communication – when people understand the purpose of the OKSIR Program they can make more informed decisions about the trees they plant in their yards and communities.

Moved by: Director Eliason

Seconded by: Grower Lalli

“THAT staff are directed to continue discouraging plantings of any potential codling moth hosts.”

CARRIED

7.3 Staff Report from Melissa Tesche, Acting General Manager, dated November 3, 2015 re: Proposed Board Meeting Schedule

Moved by: Director Sieben

Seconded by: Director Eliason

“THAT the meeting schedule for 2016 for the Okanagan Kootenay Sterile Insect Release Board be approved with December 2 changed to November 25.”

CARRIED

7.4 Interim Financial Statements

The RDCO Finance Manager presented the Interim Financial Statements ending November 30, 2015.

Moved by: Director Fowler

Seconded by: Grower Lalli

"THAT the OKSIR Board receive the Interim Financial Statements ending November 30, 2015."

CARRIED

8. ADJOURN TO IN-CAMERA

Moved by: Director Sieben

Seconded by: Grower Lalli

"THAT pursuant to Section 90 of the Community Charter the SIR Board adjourns and convenes to an 'In-Camera' session to discuss legal and personnel issues."

CARRIED

9. OTHER BUSINESS

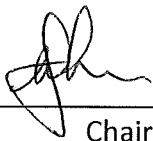
10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Director Eliason

Seconded by: Grower Bush

"THAT the SIR Board meeting be adjourned at 12:06 pm."

CARRIED



Chair



Corporate Officer